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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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*You are not only responsible  
for what you say, but also for  
what you do not say*  
Martin Luther King



## Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

In today's gospel Mary hears from the angel that her cousin Elizabeth, who is of advanced age, is with child. It's a simple statement, but Mary hears a call for help and responds: she went "in haste."

Mary herself was also with child, a difficult situation for a young woman, but she does not hesitate to respond in faith to the hidden invitation. Even during difficult situations, God asks us to forget our worries and concerns and to see how we can help others. How generous are we when someone asks for help? Do we need to be asked? Or are we attentive to the needs of others so we can respond without their asking?

As Mary enters the house, the baby in Elizabeth's womb "leaped for joy," and filled with the Spirit, Elizabeth greets Mary: "Blessed are you who believed," recognizing that Jesus is in Mary, "the mother of my Lord." At this moment, Elizabeth also believes and is able to forget herself and praise God for what has been done in Mary. True joy is based on faith, and faith leads to hope and love. Advent is a time of joyful waiting.

### Anniversary Masses, Keadue

**Sat. 19th** James & Mary Earley & D.M.F.

**Sun. 20th** For People of the Parish

**Thurs 24th** For People of the Parish

**Friday 25th** Ethna McGowan - Months Mind.

**Sat. 26th** Tommy & Linda Grimes

**Sun. 27th** Michael Hennessy

Hugh & Mary Guihen

Breege Bruen & D.M.F.

### Anniversary Masses, Arigna

**Sun. 20th** Michael McPartlan

**Friday 25th** Michael & Josephine Cassidy

**Sun. 27th** Michael Gaffney

Florence & Patrick Faughnan

Patsy & Gerry Christie

Bernard & Mary Kelly (St. Ronan's Park)

Packie Leydon.

**Ballyfarnon Christmas Eve : December 24th** For the People of the Parish.

### Penance Services: Christmas 2015.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Keadue 7.30pm (Also: Drumcong 8pm)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Drumshanbo 7.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Carrick 8pm.

**Weekday Masses 10am.** Monday, Keadue, Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna.

**Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve;** Ballyfarnon 8pm. & Keadue 10.30p.m.

**Christmas Day;** Arigna 10.30a.m & Keadue 12p.m

**Eucharistic adoration:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in Keadue Church on Monday 21st or Monday 28th December 2015.

**Parish Choir:** Practice for Christmas Tuesday 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 26th. Moira Doyle. Sun. 27th Florence Flynn. Readers: Sat. 26th. Bill/Joan Connolly, Sun. 27th. Mary/Colin McCabe. Collectors: Sat 26th. Peter McNiff. Sun. 27th. Tom Quinn. Altar Society: Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Noone Family. Offertory Collection: 8th Dec. & Sunday: €740.

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 26th. Veronica Sheeran. Reader: Christmas Day, Tony McDonagh. Sat 26th. Liz Travers. Altar Society: Bridie McCawley, Mary Keaveney. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Church Grounds: Micheál McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Offertory Collection: 8th Dec & Sunday €645.00

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 27th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne. Reader: Christmas Day, Tess Flynn, Sun 27th. Brian Flannery, Altar Society: Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection: 8th Dec & Sunday €695.

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 1, 4, 10, 23. Consolation prize winners were: €70 Claire & Jackie Glynn, Arigna. €30 Michael Gilhooly, Ballyfarnon. €15each Bríd McMorrow, Keadue. Claire Glynn, Arigna. Sarah McManus, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €6,000 and the draw will be held in Shivan's

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winner of €45 was Mai Keaveney. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

**Christmas Message 2015 from Bishop Francis:** 2015 was a significant year for the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois with the rededication of St Mel's Cathedral. At the ceremony in May 2015 Bishop Colm expressed his hope that the cathedral will be "a place where all will feel welcome, especially those who come with heavy hearts and those searching for answers to questions for which the world has no solutions". Since then many thousands of people visited St Mel's to marvel at the beautiful work of restoration and also to pray and to find peace. We are now in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy; an initiative of Pope Francis. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our understanding of God's abundant mercy and also on how we are merciful to those around us. Mercy can build up our hope and can contribute to that all important quality of peace. May our reflection on, and our experience of mercy be the beginning of greater hope and peace in the coming year. I wish you and your family members at home and abroad a happy Christmas and a peaceful 2016.

**Keadue Branch CCE** are hosting a traditional music session in Killoran's Bar, Ballyfarnon on Thursday night 31st of December (New Years Eve) starting with a junior session at 8:30pm followed by a senior session from 10pm onwards. All Welcome! Membership fees now due, they can be paid to Micheal or Carmel as soon as possible.

**Credit Union** Following extensive renovations the Keadue office has now re-opened. Opening hours are Tuesday and Friday 10 am - 1 pm & 2pm - 5pm, Saturday 10 am - 1pm

**Senior Help Line: 'Do you need someone to talk to?'** Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open every day of the year, including Christmas Day, from 10 am to 10 pm.** Older people call because they feel lonely and want some company in their day. Callers have financial, family and health concerns, some are experiencing elder abuse, feel depressed or need support to carry on. Senior Help Line 's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. **So don't be alone with your problem.** Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We are there. **LoCall 1850 440 444'**